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In re Application of	:	
Barry H. Schwab	:	
Application No. 09/687,131	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 13, 2000	:	
Attorney Docket No. 600-002	:	

This is a decision on the petition, filed October 31, 2006, to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action of March 20, 2006. No extensions of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on June 21, 2006.

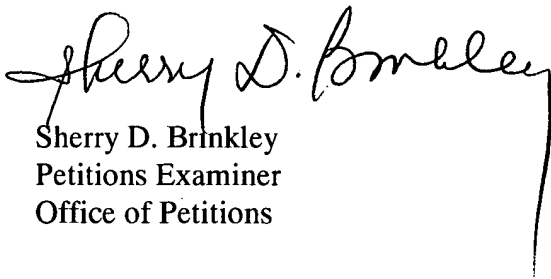
The proposed reply required for consideration of a petition to revive must be a Notice of Appeal (and appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2)), an amendment that *prima facie* places the application in condition for allowance, a Request for Continued Examination and submission (37 CFR 1.114), or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). See MPEP 711.03(c)(III)(A)(2).

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b); (2) the petition fee of 750; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Although the statement contained in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement will be construed as the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3). Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

This application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity. As continuity has been established by this decision, the application is again abandoned in favor of continuing application No. 11/589,497 filed October 31, 2006.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204.



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